

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Martin Soil and Water Conservation _____ District FY03 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address: Water Quality, Water Quantity, Soil Health, Soil Erosion (wind and water), Streambank Erosion, Odor Control, Wildlife Habitat, Nutrient Management, Groundwater Quality.
2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority: There were several watersheds mentioned (Center & Elm Creeks impaired with fecal coliform, and the watershed to Fairmont Chain of Lakes as surface water is used as drinking water, Lily Creek because of high TSS). However, the only reason the remaining streams have not been determined as impaired was that they had not been studied to the same detail. The final consensus was that none have priority over another and they were all high priority.
3. Prioritize and weight each local resource concern for the district. Weight must be between 1 and 10: Attendees each identified their three high priority resource concerns. The concerns with the most high priority marks were associated with the appropriate Factor and identified as high. Those concerns and factors that had fewer high priorities were identified as medium and the remaining concerns and factors were identified as low priority. It was then decided to give a weight of 3 for high priority, 2 for medium priority and 1 for low priority

Factor	Resource Priority	Weight
A1. Erosion Control	High	3
A2 Gully Control	High	3
B1 Water Resource	High	3
B2 Wastewater/CNMP	Medium	2
C Habitat Improvement	Low	1
D Air Quality	Medium	2
E Impaired Water	High	3
F Distance	High	3
G Grazing System	Medium	2
H Forest Mgt.	Low	1
Additional Local*	None	

* If the additional local concern is scored, describe the concern here and how points will be scored. Include any geographic priorities.

4. Attach the scoring worksheet as recommended for the district.
5. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document. None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 03 EQIP.

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Chair, Local Work Group

Date